

September 11, 2003

TO: Members of the Transportation Policy Committee

FROM: Mayor Neil Giuliano, Tempe, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Wednesday, September 17, 2003 - 2:00 p.m.
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room
302 N. First Avenue, Phoenix

PLEASE NOTE THE MEETING TIME OF 2:00 p.m.

A meeting of the Transportation Policy Committee is scheduled for the time and place noted above. Members of the Committee may attend the meeting either in person, by videoconference, or by telephone conference call. As was discussed at the first meeting of the Committee, proxies would not be allowed. Members who are not able to attend the meeting are encouraged to submit their comments in writing, so that their view would always be a part of the process.

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If you have any questions, please contact me at (480) 350-8865, or Dennis Smith, MAG Executive Director, at (602) 254-6300.

**TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE
TENTATIVE AGENDA
September 17, 2003**

	<u>COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED</u>
1. <u>Call to Order</u>	
2. <u>Pledge of Allegiance</u>	
3. <u>Call to the Audience</u>	3. Information.
An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Committee regarding items on the agenda. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments.	
4. <u>Approval of July 2, 2003, July 16, 2003, and July 22, 2003 Meeting Minutes</u>	4. Review and approve July 2, 2003, July 16, 2003, and July 22, 2003 meeting minutes.
5A. <u>Review of Comments From Public Involvement Efforts</u>	5A. Information and discussion.
Since the July 22, 2003 TPC meeting, a series of public open houses/public hearings have been held throughout the Valley. Staff will present the comments from the public and the responses that have been prepared. With the final public hearing being held on September 10, 2003, the information on this hearing will be sent in a separate mailing. Please refer to the enclosed material.	
5B. <u>Review of Transportation Survey Results</u>	5B. Information and discussion.
At the June 18, 2003 TPC meeting, the need for a public survey regarding the Final Draft Stage of the Plan was discussed. On August 15, 2003, a workshop was held to solicit input on the survey questions. The survey has been conducted and the results will be reviewed with the members of the TPC. Please refer to the enclosed material.	
5C. <u>Review of Comments From the Arizona Department of Transportation, the Regional Public Transportation Authority, Maricopa County, Indian Communities, MAG Member Agencies and the Legislature Regarding the Final Draft Stage of the Plan and Presentation by Maricopa County</u>	5C. a. Vote to approve, disapprove or further modify each proposed plan modification that has been submitted by the Arizona Department of Transportation, the Regional Public Transportation Authority, Maricopa County, Indian Communities, MAG member agencies and the Legislature.

Consider the comments and any plan modification proposals submitted by the Arizona Department of Transportation, the Regional Public Transportation Authority, Maricopa County, MAG member agencies and the Legislature regarding the final draft stage of the Plan, and presentation by Maricopa County. Please refer to the enclosed material.

6. Recommendation of Final Draft Stage of Regional Transportation Plan for an Air Quality Conformity Analysis

At the July 22, 2003 meeting of the TPC, the TPC recommended a Final Draft Stage of the Regional Transportation Plan for transportation modeling. The results of this modeling were sent to the member agencies for review and to the public to solicit comments on the Plan. Since the July 22, 2003 meeting, the Arizona Department of Transportation provided refined cost estimates for the Draft Plan, resulting in an additional \$450 million. Staff reviewed the revenue estimates, and due to the FY 2026 year being inadvertently omitted, and an error in the Surface Transportation Program funds calculation, the revenue has been increased by \$433 million. These cost and revenue adjustments indicate a positive revenue balance of \$94 million. On September 3, 2003, a priority workshop was held to receive input on the proposed priorities. This input has been considered in the priorities being proposed for the Plan. Input from the public and projects submitted by member agencies will be considered in the final recommendation to approve the Plan. Please refer to the enclosed material.

b. Direct staff to provide to each entity that has submitted a proposed plan modification, within thirty days of this date, a written response, based on the discussions and vote on the plan modifications this date, explaining the affirmation, rejection or further modification of the entity's proposed plan modification.

6. Recommend approval of the Regional Transportation Plan for an air quality conformity analysis.